

REMARKS

Claims 1-34 are pending in the application. Claims 15-22 are being cancelled.

Claims 1-14 and 23-34 have been rejected under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 1-14 of U.S. Patent No. 6,671,413 in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,356,665 (Lei et al.). A terminal disclaimer is being filed concurrently herewith to overcome the rejection.

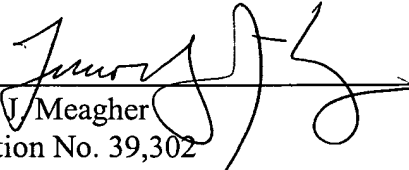
Claim 15-22 have been rejected under 35 USC 102 as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 5,748,786 (Zandi et al.). The rejection is moot in view of the cancellation of the rejected claims.

CONCLUSION

In view of the above amendments and remarks, it is believed that claims 1-14 and 23-34 are in condition for allowance, and it is respectfully requested that the application be passed to issue. If the Examiner feels that a telephone conference would expedite prosecution of this case, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned.

Respectfully submitted,

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